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FM USINT BAGHDAD
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1772
INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI
AMEMBASSY ALGIERS
AMEMBASSY DOHA
AMEMBASSY JIDDA
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, IZ

SUBJECT: PROPOSED USG OIL IMPORT MONOPOLY

1. ITEM IN MARCH 10 PIW STATES THAT PROPOSAL FOR USG OIL
IMPORT MONPOLY NOW UNDER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION IN WASHINGTON.

2. COMMENT: I HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE DEPARTMENT
SUPPORTS PROPOSAL BUT BELIEVE COMMENT FROM BAGHDAD
IS REQUIRED. SUCH A MONOPOLY MIGHT MAKE SOME SENSE
IN STRICTLY ECONOMIC TERMS, BUT POLITICS STILL RULES IN
THE MIDDLE EAST. SUCH A MONOPOLY WOULD, IN MY VIEW, RESULT
IN INSTANT CONFRONTATION BETWEEN USG AND PRODUCERS. INSTEAD
OF BEING AN INSTRUMENT TO FORCE OPEC MEMBERS TO COMPETE
AMONG THEMSELVES FOR U.S. MARKET, SUCH A MONOPOLY LIKELY TO
ENHANCE OPEC SOLIDARITY. REGIMES SUCH AS IRAQI WOULD
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ALMOST CERTAINLY LAUNCH MAJOR CAMPAIGN TO

PRESSURE OTHER OPEC MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY ARABS, TO UNITE
AGAINST USG. IF OPEC COMPETITION CAN BE ENCOURAGED, I
BELIEVE IT IS MUCH MORE LIKELY TO COME ABOUT IF PRODUCERS
MUST DEAL WITH WIDEST POSSIBLE VARIETY
OF BUYERS.
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